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Memorandum

TO: Legislation Committee

DATE: October 3, 2008

FR: Deputy Executive Director, Operations

RE: Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District Parcel Tax Measure VV

Description

Measure VV would double AC Transit's existing parcel tax of \$48 per parcel for ten years. It will be on the ballot in every city where AC Transit provides service (except Union City and Fremont) and certain unincorporated areas of Contra Costa and Alameda Counties. The parcel tax increase would raise an additional \$14 million annually, helping to address an estimated \$20 million deficit without a fare increase.

Recommendation: Support

Discussion

To deal with its projected deficit, AC Transit staff proposed a fare increase in January 2008, which would have increased the adult pass by 14 percent, the senior/disabled pass by 40 percent and the youth pass by 87 percent. This proposal met with significant community opposition, leading the board to propose a parcel tax instead and adopt a resolution committing to keeping fares for youth, seniors and the disabled at an affordable level (holding constant for fiscal years 2008-09 and 2009-10 and increasing only by the consumer price index thereafter) for the life of the parcel tax. Staff recommends a support position on Measure VV.

Known Positions

Support

AC Transit
League of Women Voters
Urban Habitat

Oppose

None

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